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#### THE TIMES-DISPATCH SUPPORTS THE TICKET.

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In certain other particulars the plat It may felicitate itself that the document is as near to its liking as it is. The Times-Dispatch pretends to no

pelated devotions. It falls in beneath ane standard with no swiftly summonand brass band or fictitious hoorahs. It Jeels far less arder in the personal griumph of Mr. Bryan than in support of its earnest conviction that the moment has arrived when the Republican party should be thrown bag and

#### TION. (Editorial Correspondence.)

DENVER, COL., July 10 .- Searching For political morality was the keynote of the Democratic convention. Its deliberations were noisy and its platform a compromise, but the spirit behind the whole movement was an earnest effort to better political conditions in this country. Mr. Bryan's wishes and machine were in complete control, but it was not a power that was bought or bargained for. Rather it the demonstration of the spirit in a convention of idealists.

No one supposes that Tammany's Democracy is tinged with emotion, or that Pennsylvania has any appreciation of the motives that | make political martyrs. But Pennsylvania and New York combined numbered less than one-seventh of the delegates, who as a body were obviously and sincerely trying to give the plain citizen a bigger share in the government and opportunities of this country.

Whether their platform and their candidates will commend themselves to the majority of the voters of this land is another question. But no one who aftended the convention can doubt that. Tuller realization of the idea of popular overnment. That ideal may become the watchwerd of other parties, but frast at last

like all great visions, it is indestructible, for it is an inspiration of the human heart.

SENATOR THOMAS ON THE PRI

In his letter discussing certain aspects of the primary, printed elsewhere on this page, Senator A. F. Thomas of Lynchburg, makes the following points:

by the average man" is better con-That a convention majority does not

convention plurality is less conclsive than a primary plurality.

a second primary, open ont;

That an absolute popular majority should not be insisted upon in nomina in elections, where a plurality

vote is always regarded as decisive. tained as a necessary means of organ

sitions The Times-Dispatch is in thorough and hearty accord. The attain is a natural and laudable quest. It nations in this State could always be decided upon that basis. But unhapguaranteeing a real majority where

A Demogratic nomination in Virginia s equivalent to an election in doubt ul or closely-contested States. Probably there is no more reason for Vir ginians to complain of a plurality Second-day elections are not out will be our results; and there oc curs to us no other way by which this approach can be made so reasonably racticably and effectually.

#### CASTRO AGAIN.

Since the withdrawal of Ministe Russell from Caracas, two months ago, and that of Secretary of Legation this country and Venezuela has been exceedingly indeterminate onsequently the administration retuses to feel alarmed. Diplomatic rehave long resembled the attempt to exchange amenities with a porcupine

rowing isolation among the nations. wer he has estranged. So far as this country is concerned the rupture along somehow until the interminable nd too foolish to be considered. Even ould be no possible glory in a puniive expedition directed at impregnable this country in any such mess as that would do the worst day's work of his

A headline in the esteemed Balti more American asserts: "Democrats Name Bryan for His Third Defeat." We should be glad to have the Ameri can tell us where it got its informa

The Omaha Bee appears to be peev because certain Republicans are ined to "shoot their party in the k." Well, where else can you shoot inclined to back." Wel party that is running away?

The Washington Post is doubtful of The washington Post is doubtful of the reliability of "a paint dealer who tells the unvarnished truth." We submit that such a man is no whit worse than the knitting-mills owner who insists on the bare facts.

In our modest opinion, none the less Daggage out of power.

JIT. Roosevelt's famous remark, "I will not again be a candidate for nomination," should have been paid for at far more than \$1 a word.

Committees who notify candidates that they have been nominated a month or so after it bappened must feel like a party trying to get real money for a last year's newspaper.

New that the hullabalco at Denver is over, all good Democrats are at liberty to turn in and once more root all together for the home team.

A London magazine speaks of this as "a century of shrick." A century? Nonsense. Eighty-seven minutes of shrick is the biggest lot we have turned out yet.

From the top of the new Equitable Building, which will be nearly 1,000 feet high, it ought to be possible to get an occasional glimpse of the cost of living.

The barber vote will naturally hold off from the Republican ticket until it is definitely known whether or not Whiskerando Sherman partially shaves nimsel!.

Bearing the old adage in mind, we can only infer that the father of Don Cipriano Castro many years ago was wont to spare the rod. Furope is talking about establishing

an airship line. Europe's interest along and scril this line has usually been confined A 40 to heirship lines. Our spies on the field reported the dissension-buriers still at work at a late bour last night.

Old Sol's boom for president get a

# Rhymes for To-Day

THE UNCONQUERABLE FAN. THOUGH the labor party's rising in a very mighty might And the socialists are reaching to an unaccustomed height. Though the magnate class is growing and the shop-clerks waxing

strong And the woman's suffrage movement

as the thoughtful man win note.
Put together ain't a marker on the
blooming baseball vote:
For the ruler of the nation is the sunkissed, god-like Fan
And the voice that rocks the bleachers
is the voice that names the man.

But you'll have to swing the Rooters
if you want to win the day:
It's they that do the country's work
and make her brawn and brain,
It's they that sing the country's joy
and feel the country's pain:
Oh, the Fan's flag, men, is flying—let
the others all be furled:

### MERELY JOKING.

"I expect to spend my vacation with rela-tives in the country. That outing won't cest me much."
"Don't be too sure about that. Wait un-ill they visit you this winter."—Washing-ton Herald.

"Scandse, why don't you do thus and thus?"
I have various reasons. In the first place, my wife doesn't want me to."
"I see. You needn't mention the other reasons."—Washington Herald.

# "What do you want catalogue?"

"Love me, love my dog." chirped in maiden.
"Excuse me," retorted the man, "I mine is not a case of puppy affection." filtsburg Post.

One Recompense. our recompense.
"The sheet-iron clothing a chap had to wear during the middle ages must have been far from comfortable."
"Still, a fellow could have a permanent crease put in his trousers."—Houston Chronicles.

Mrs. Buttinski: "Did you ever catch you subsand firtings!"
Mrs. De Swift: "Sure thing. That's how did catch him."—Exchange. No Vacation Needed.

"They say the sun has enough heat last 37,000,000 years."

"How long?"
"For 37,000,000 years."
"Then what's the use of me taking iwo weeks' vacation!"—Pittsburg Post.

THE PARAGRAPHERS AFTER 'EM. THE Mayor of Timpson stands ready to contribute 10 per cent. of his annua salary to the Democratic campaign fund. If all other Democrats would do awell, it would be worth while to be a member of the National Campaign Committee.—Houston Post.

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Houston Post.

The Missouri Court of Appeals has decided that Adam and Eve were legality married. Who has been trying to go behind the returns in that matter, anyway?—
Washington Herald.

British suffragettes have recently been preferring to go to jail rather than pay a fine. Possibly their husbands approve of the plan.—Washington Post.

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the plan,—Washington Peat.

"Will Uncle Joe Cannon explain in simple, unadorned language why nothing was done to discourage the paper trust?" asks the Chicago Tribune. He will not—Omaha Bee.

If only the London Times would stay bought! It's as had as some Rhode Island voters.—Providence Tribune.

"I am having twice as many operations for appendicitis this year as last," chirps a Chicago doctor. Another joit for the croakers.—Miwaukee Sentinel.

"Mr. Bryan can smile without takin anything," says the Sloux City Journal. H certainly has the world's record for smilln without getting anything.—Washington Posi

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Burma is making money out of peanut growing. The peanut acreage increased from 2,800 acres in 1993 to 80,000 acres in

Senator Francis Emory Warren, of Wyomling, skty-four years of age, is the owner of the largest sheep ranch in the United States.

\$35,000,000, and t It has been ascertained that while some f the herrings caught in German waters to only three years old, others are up to surfeen years old.

Vermont gets the credit of being the ranite State, but Pennsylvania leads in

Granite State, but Pennsylvania leads in the production of stone, with nearly 14 per cent. of the total to her credit.

The bridging of the flue Nile at Khartum will facilitate the extension of the railway into the fertile district of the Cesira. The work is now well in hand and should be completed within two years. \(^\chi^2\) One of the notable figures of the Lambrid Conference this summer in London will be Bishop Oluwole, of Western Equatorial Africa, the one black bishop of the Anglican Church.

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Miss Elizabeth K. Jackson has been claim
lerk for the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas
'lly Raliroad in Mobile, Ala., for the past
wo years. There is but one other woman
in the State holding such a position. John Authony Wayne, popular known as Jack" Wayne, a descendant of "Mad" Anglony Wayne, the celebrated Indian fighter and a direct descendant of General Gates of Revolutionary War fame, was found dead in the law offices of his father-in-law in Denyer.

Miss Grace Bryan, second daughter of norm J. Bryan, is quite a acciolarly girl, and it is expected that she with each of colore in the fall, she having been preparing for the last two years at a View of the last work of the last way and the the last way a

nuch.

Nicholas II., Czar of all the Russias, is forty years old. The recent anniversary of his birthday he spent a captive in his winter residence at Tarskoe-Selo. Since the tragic events of bloody Sunday in January 1805, he has never passed a night in the winter palace.

Disinfected Transmitters.

A number of suggestions have been made from time to time with a view to disinfecting properly the transmitters of public telephones but the proposals have usually involved a great deal of expense. An Englishmen has invented an inexpensive apparatus, dwilch can be fixed to any mouthpiece. It has a paratus consists of a small nickel tube, resembling a cartridge, which can be half filled with a disinfectant, and which is fixed immediately above the mouthpiece. From the tube a diminutive blind, soaking in the disinfectant, is drawn by means of a loop or hook. The little blind is a drawn down over the mouthpiece and fastened to a button underneath it, so that the user of the telephone speaks though the blind, which springs back and disinfects itself when the subsection has finished his conversation. A 40 per cent. solution of formallin is suggested. The blind is made of ramie fibre, which is extremely strong, and becomes even stronger when soak act in the fibre. Which is extremely strong, and becomes even stronger when soak act in the least interfera with the sound.—Philadelphia Rogerd.

The Courts of Europe La Marquise de Fontenoy

Colonel Sir John Harrington, who last year took to himself an American wife, in the person of Amy, daughter of the late United States Senator James McMillen, of Detroit, will be unable to fulfil his project of visiting either England or America this fall with Lady Harrington. He had already secured leave of absence from his duties as British minister plenipotentlary at Adis Ababa, the capital of Abyssinia, and was about to take his departure, when conditions arose there which rendered it imperative that he should postpone all idea of quitting the country for some months to come. It seems that the Negus is far more seriously ill than has been admitted, and that his death is liable to occur at any moment. Although his consort, the Empress, is a wonderfully able woman, more capable even than himself to exceeds the reins of government, yet it is pretty certain that his demise will se to write her name. ninority of the infant princelet

assumption of the regency during the minority of the infant princelet whom the Nogus has recently designated as helr to the throne.

Menelik has taken very radical measures to foster public education among his subjects during the last year. For he has ordered, under allsorts of pains and penalties, that every child above the age of five shall attend school every day, and that illiterates shall not be permitted, in the event of a dispute arising, to inherit property of any description from their parents. When one considers the percentage of illiterates among the professedly civilized and enlightened nations of Europe, and even the percentage of illiterate immigrants arriving in this country and securing United States citizenship, one will be forced to confess that Menelik has at any rate been a singularly progressive despot.

Ex-Secretary Taft, as well as Con-gressman and Mrs. Nicholas Long-vorth, and the other members of the

which came at once in the shape of a recall and retirement.

Emperor William, however, took a great fancy to the old fellow, and as soon as ever Bismarck was dismissed he restored Saldern to the active list of the diplomatic service, and sent him out as minister plenipotentiary to Korea. When the foreign legations were withdrawa from thence a year or so ago, on Japan taking over the control of the country, von Saldern felt himself too old and infirm to ask for any further employment, so returned to his home in Germany, where he has just died, universally regretted. (Copyright, 1908, by the Brentwood Company.

## OUR GREATEST PROBLEM.

Transfer From Overcrowded City to Welcoming Country.

Ten million people—an eighth of the entire population—are in a condition of what may be considered extreme want. Yet it is stated on good statistical authority that within a hundred miles of New York City, where there is a very large poverty-stricken population, there are hundreds of abandoned farms with thousands of acres of idle land. Not only is this true, but within the territory named there are allowed to go to waste each year thousands of bushels of apples, garden stuff and other produce, much of it being left to rot on the ground.

Something like this can be said of every city where unemployed people who could get work in the cities, if they wanted it, were earning wages, and it all who cannot find employment in the cities would seek it in the country, hot only in a hard times period, but at all periods.

The marvelous possibilities of the millions of acres of vacant land in this country are only beginning to be realized.

Intensive farming is making land wonderfully aredicated.

## NEW YORK FIRES.

tem would be able to set up a high pressure battery, against which no fire could live. Another thing foreshadowed by the establishment of the new pumping stations is the gradual disappearance of the steam fire engine. This will be heard with great regret, for where is there anything more picturesque than a fire engine on its way to a fire, with horses at full galloy? Fires fought without the aid of fire engines will be deprived of the chief element of romance and interest. The delay in the fuel, the time lost in getting up steam and other delays, all were causes of the spread of fires. The high pressure mains are fed by sait water pumped directly from the river. Every hydrant has a pressure up to 300 pounds, if desired. The tales often told of poor water pressure at fires will now be a thing of the past, it seems certain. The new service protects the area between Chambers and Twenty-third Streets on both sides of the river, known as the down-town district.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Ignorant, Uncle Toby were arrant fools or knaves.—Columbia State.

Bird Was a War Here.

There recently died at Leith Hall, the family scat of the Leith-Hays, of Rannes and Leith Hall. Aberdeenshire, a survivor of the Indian mutiny; not a solder nor a pensioner of the civil service, but a bird—a cockaloo, to be exact—whose career was out of the exact—whose career was out of the ordinary run of cockatoos. Its history is vouched for, not by a "nature faker," but by a correspondent of the Scotsman, a Gignified newspaper. As to what the bird's and was, it can be only hazarded.

At the beginning of the Indian mutiny, when the Ninety-third Highianders, then commanded by the late Col. Leith-Hay, of Rannes and Leith Hall, formed a part of the attacking force on one at the robel strongholds, and cartied it, by assault, a large white sulphur crested Australian cockatoo, holding forth in Hindustani, was captured by a solder of the regiment after the battle was over.

Purchased by the colonel, provided with a cage and special bearer, the bird was present and under fire in every engagement during the Indian mutiny in which the Ninety-third was present and under fire in every engagement during the Indian mutiny in which the Ninety-third was engaged. It passed through the whole campaign unscathed. Its narrowest escape was when a round shot took its bearer's head off. Brought home by its owner at the close of the mutiny campaign, for nearly half a century the cockatoo, who, because of a gentle, affectionate disposition, was the pet of everybody, passed a tranquil life after the stormy scenes of the mutiny—London correspondent to the New York Herald.

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# Voice of the People

In Defense of the Primary.

put, above all, let us have a legalize primary to give us "hayseeds" thance to say who shall hold office i Very respectfully, A. F. THOMAS. Lynchburg, Va., July 7, 1908.

A Japanese Trensure Story. other person a veritable highway of disease. It has been estimated that a memory of the good ancestors who left disease. It has been estimated that a memory of the good ancestors who left memory are a memory of the good ancestors who left memory of the good ancestors who left as the property of the good ancestors who left memory of the good ancestors who left as the property of the good ancestors who left as the property of the good ancestors who left as memory of the good ancestors who left as memory of the good ancestors who left as the property of the good ancestors who left as memory of the good ancestors as the good ancestor as placed and set of the good ancestors as the good ancestors a

Why They Don't Desert.

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"Instances of desertion from the army in Mexico are very rare and for the best of reasons," said Senor Jose de Minaldez, of Nueva Leon.

"The reason lies in the almost sure capture of the fugitive and the certainty that he will get not one, but numerous, floggings on his bare back. These lashings are done in the presence of the comrades of the deserter, and when the men see how great is the suffering of the miserable wretch who tried in vain to quit his military obligations they are forced to conclude that it is better to stick to the army than to undergo such a terrible ordeal."—Battimore American.

Has No Pulse in His Arms.

Without a pulse beating in either arm, P. J. Donovan, who is in charge of the construction of the new post-office in this city, lays claim to being the only man allve with such a condition. When Mr. Donovan is ill physicians cannot at his wrist count the heart-beats. Other means have to be substituted.

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neart-beats. Other means have to be substituted.

The peculiarity of Mr. Donovan's condition came about some time ago, and was the result of heavy work in lifting and similar labors in connection with his business as a contractor. There were two operations at the hands of Dr. MoDill, of Ogdensburg. The arteries below the breast were cut and tied, and hence no pulse beats in his arm.—Watertown Dispatch to New York Heraid.

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"I mean no offense, but I feel obliged to tell you that the preaching this morning has been of a kind that the preaching this morning has been of a kind that the preaching this morning has been of a kind that the today I couldn't do it. You interferent with me. You forced me a tull half hour. I beg that this may not occur again."—

New York Herald.

The Few Need Controlling.
What can be done to stop the nuis-ance, remove the dance to stop the nuis-ance, remove the dance to all experts and make our Fourth of July a rational holiday? Americans buy fireworks and make our Fourth of July a rational holiday? Americans buy fireworks and make our Fourth of July a rational holiday? Americans buy fireworks and make our Fourth of July a rational holiday? Americans buy fireworks and make our Fourth of July a rational holiday? Americans buy fireworks and make our Fourth of July a rational holiday?

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BY JOHN STEWART BRYAN, Editor-in-Chief of The Times-Disputch. (This article is reprinted from the extra edition of The Times-Dispatch

The Good and the Bad in New Platform.

lutions do not go backward, and those Democrats who saw in the desire for party barmony a restoration of Jeffersonian simplicity and a renewal of allegiance to the principle of equity before the law were destined to be woefully mistaken. The platform, as adopted, has many sound Democratic demands, but it is utterly opposed to Democratic fundamentals in some particulars. The injunction plank, whether it is justifiable by the facts or not, is a hold and futile bid for the labor vote. The currency plank shows the unmistakable truit of greenbacklam. The railroad regulation plank is an indication of what Oklahoma thinks is statesmanship, and not what the Democratic party, historically or as a matter of political experience, should advocate. In demanding an income tax, popular election of Senators, the protection of States' rights and publicity of campaign contributions, the platform takes a strong stand on questions which the Republican platform ignores. Again, the platform properly denounces Republican misuse of Federal patronage, the collection of private dabis by the use of the gov-ernment army and navy, the destruction of the House of Representatives as a deliberative body, and the reckless extravagance of the Republican administration, On the tariff the platform is forceful and sound.

But the impression made by the platform as a whole is that it will lose far more than it will gain. No election can be carried without the assistance and support of the independent voter. Whether the Democratic committee on resolutions overlooked or ignored the fact, it is none the less true that this is no year for advancing new political theories or promlaing new governmental crusades.